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DATE: July 21, 2015  
TO: Licensed Child Care Providers  
FROM: Debra L. Johnson, Director, Division of Licensing  
RE: New Legislation

This is to inform you of new laws passed during the 2015 legislative session that impact all licensed child care providers. Below is a list of the new laws and highlights of the laws that affect your daily operation as a licensed child care provider. It is important that you become familiar with these new laws so that you are not in violation of them. You may get a full copy of these laws by visiting the child care licensing program web site at [www.ct.gov/oec/childcare](http://www.ct.gov/oec/childcare) and clicking on "Statutes/Regulations". If you have any questions, you may call the Child Care Licensing Help Desk at (800) 282-6063 or (860) 509-8045.

### [Public Act 15-157 An Act Concerning Developmental Screenings for Children](#)

Effective July 1, 2015, all authorized health care providers must indicate whether or not a developmental screening was performed when completing the child health assessment form. Licensed child care providers should be aware that this information must be provided on the child health assessment forms maintained for all enrolled children.

### [Public Act 15-161 An Act Concerning Notification by Law Enforcement Agencies to Day Care Centers](#)

Effective October 1, 2015, all licensed child care centers, group child care homes and family child care homes must provide written contact information (program name, address and telephone number) to the local police department or state police troop in the town or city the child care program is located in. This law requires the local police department or state police troop to notify a licensed child care provider that has submitted the written contact information of any conditions that may endanger the safety or welfare of the children at the facility. It is recommended that programs maintain a copy of the written notification provided to police on file at the program.

### [Public Act 15-174 An Act Concerning Childhood Vaccinations](#)

Effective July 1, 2015, when a parent or guardian objects to an immunization on religious grounds, such objection must be accompanied by a statement from the parents or guardian that the immunization would be contrary to the religious belief of the child or the parents or guardian. The statement must be notarized or otherwise appropriately acknowledged and updated annually.

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[Public Act 15-227 An Act Concerning the Office of Early Childhood](#)

Sections 7 through 8, 16 through 21, and 24 through 25 of this Act are effective July 1, 2015. This Act removes the word “day” from the terms used to distinguish between the different categories of licensed child care programs, provides for a waiver of regulatory requirements during a declared state of emergency, and makes numerous technical changes.

[Bill No. 1502 An Act Implementing Provisions of the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2017 Concerning General Government, Education and Health and Human Services-Section 114](#)

Beginning January 1, 2016, each operator of an organized youth athletic activity, involving participants age seven to nineteen, must make available upon registration a written or electronic statement regarding concussions to each youth athlete and a parent or guardian of each youth athlete participating in the youth athletic activity. Such statement shall be consistent with the most recent information provided by the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding concussions.